GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Revenue (Endowments) Department – Disciplinary action against certain officials/staff of Sri Veera Venkata Satyanarayana Swamy Vari Devasthanam, Annavaram, East Godavari District – Regular Enquiry conducted by Anti-Corruption Bureau – Accused Officers placed on defence before the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings – Charges against Sri N.Somasekhar, then Executive Officer, held proved – Show Cause Notice issued – Final orders – Imposition of penalty of 25% cut in pension permanently under Rule 9 of the Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE–VII) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 819 **Dated: 31-07-2025**
Read the following:

1. From the Director General, ACB, Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No.13/RE-REG/ 2000, dated: 22.04.2002.
2. Govt. Memo No.26495/Vig.III(3)/2002-2, dated: 29.10.2002.
3. From the Director General, ACB, Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No.13/RE-REG/ 2000, dated: 30.01.2008.
4. Govt. Memo.No.26495/Vig.IV(1)/2002, dated: 31.07.2008 & 02.12.2008.
5. G.O.Rt.No.1056, Revenue (Vig.IV) Dept., dated: 26.08.2011.
6. From the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings, Hyderabad, Lr.No.Dis.S/1/2012, dated: 18.01.2012, along with TEC.No.19/2008, dated: 31.12.2011.
7. Show Cause Notice issued to Sri N. Somasekhar, Joint Commissioner (Retd.), Endowments Department, dated: 27.11.2018.
8. From the Commissioner, Endowments Department, A.P., Lr.No.VI-53396-2003, dated: 05.05.2024 along with the representation dated: 22.03.2024 of the Charged Officer.

ORDER:

Whereas, in the reference first read above, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), conducted a regular enquiry into allegations of corruption against Sri N.Somasekhar, then Executive Officer, and 53 other officials of Sri Veera Venkata Satyanarayana Swamy Vari Devasthanam, Annavaram, East Godavari District, and submitted a report to the Government.

2. After careful examination of the case, the Government had placed the disciplinary case of Sri N. Somasekhar and others on their defence before the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings (TDP) vide reference 2nd read above for conducting a regular enquiry.

3. In references 4th and 5th read above, Government dropped further action against 26 Accused Officers due to limitation under the A.P.Revised Pension Rules, and action abated against 3 Accused Officers who had expired. The Charges framed against four more cases were dropped under Rule 9(2)(b)(ii)

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framed against four more cases were dropped under Rule 9(2)(b)(ii) due to afflux of time, and the remaining 21 officials were subjected to regular enquiry by TDP.

4. In the reference 6th cited, the TDP submitted its report. The charges framed against Sri N. Somasekhar, registered as TEC.No.19/2008, included 17 Articles of Charges. The Tribunal held charges 3 to 5 as proved and the remaining charges 1, 2, and 6 to 17 as not proved.

5. The proven charges relate to irregular purchase of articles viz., Silver stands, Calenders, Greeting Cards during 1998–1999 without calling for tenders or obtaining approval, thereby violating provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Financial Code and causing loss to temple funds.

6. The Government, while accepting the findings of the Inquiry Authority, initially proposed a penalty of reduction in pay by three stages permanently. However, as the Charged Officer had retired on 31.12.2013, the Government provisionally decided to impose 25% cut in pension permanently under Rule 9 of the A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, superseding the earlier proposed punishment.

7. Accordingly, a Show Cause Notice was issued vide 7th read above directed to submit his explanation within 15 days as to why the proposed penalty of 25% cut in pension permanently should not be imposed. The Charged Officer has submitted his explanation vide reference 8th read above, contended that the Financial Code is not applicable to temples and the procurement of calenders and other items without tenders had been a long standing practice for over 20 years. He claimed there was no financial loss to the temple, as items were sold at a profit and later ratified by the Commissioner, and requested for dropping of further action. He also stated that he retired in 2013, has been receiving only provisional pension, and other retirement benefits are pending for the past 10 years, and requested for exoneration citing ill health and financial hardship.

8. The representation was examined and the delinquent officer has not put forth any new or valid grounds and the Government have therefore decided to confirm the proposed penalty.

9. Accordingly, the Government hereby imposes a penalty of "25% cut in pension permanently" on Sri N.Somasekhar, former Joint Commissioner, Endowments Department (Retired), under Rule 9 of the Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980, for the charges proved against him in the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings (TDP) enquiry.

10. The Commissioner, Endowments Department, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, shall take necessary further action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V VINAY CHAND
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(FAC)

To
Sri N. Somasekhar, Joint Commissioner, Endowments Department (Retired), through the Commissioner, Endowments Department, A.P. Vijayawada

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The Commissioner, Endowments Department, A.P. Vijayawada. (He is requested to serve the order on Sri N. Somasekhar, and furnish the dated acknowledgement immediately)
Copy to:
The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, A.P., Guntur
P.S to Minister for Endowment Department
P.S to Prl. Secretary to Government, Revenue Department
The Secretary, A.P. Vigilance Commission,
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SECTION OFFICER